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EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDEAST TO GOR AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL. INFO ADDRESSEES MAY ALSO DRAW ON THIS INFORMATION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS.

A. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE SECRETARY PERSONALLY HAD BEEN SEEKING TO ASSIST THE PARTIES AT THEIR REQUEST TO ACHIEVE AN INTERIM AGREEMENT AS A FURTHER STEP TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE
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EAST. WE BELIEVED THAT SUCH A STEP WOULD REPRESENT

PROGRESS TOWARD AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.

B. BEGINNING ON MARCH 7, SECRETARY KISSINGER UNDERTOOK TWO WEEKS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE AREA, DURING WHICH HE MET A NUMBER OF TIMES WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND THE KEY MEMBERS OF THE ISRAELI CABINET. THE IMMEDIATE FOCUS WAS ON ACHIEVING A FURTHER STEP TOWARD ADDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL AND PEACE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

C. THE SECRETARY MET TWICE WITH PRESIDENT ASAD, WHOM HE ASSURED OF OUR CONVICTION THAT IT IS NEITHER OUR INTENTION NOR IN OUR INTEREST TO DIVIDE THE ARAB WORLD AND THAT A SETTLEMENT MUST INCLUDE ALL THE PARTIES TO THAT CONFLICT. THE SECRETARY ALSO CONSULTED WITH KING HUSSEIN AND KING FAISAL.

D. IT WAS UNFORTUNATELY NOT POSSIBLE IN THE COURSE OF THIS EFFORT TO RECONCILE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES ON CERTAIN KEY ISSUES, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR ISRAEL'S DESIRE TO ACHIEVE AN END OF BELLIGERENCY IN RETURN FOR SUBSTANTIAL FURTHER WITHDRAWAL AND EGYPT'S NEED TO RECOVER POSSESSION OF THE SINAI OIL FIELDS AND PASSES.

E. IN OUR VIEW THE NEGOTIATIONS COULD NOT BE CONCLUDED BECAUSE BOTH SIDES REACHED THE LIMITATIONS OF THEIR POLITICAL POSSIBILITIES, EVEN THOUGH WE BELIEVE THE LEADERS ON BOTH SIDES WANTED AN AGREEMENT.

F. THE ISRAELIS FACED THE DILEMMA THAT ANY STEP TOWARD A SETTLEMENT IS INHERENTLY ASYMMETRICAL, SINCE ISRAEL MUST GIVE UP TERRITORY IN RETURN FOR ESSENTIALLY INTANGIBLE CONCESSIONS BY THE ARABS.

G. THE EGYPTIANS HAD TO CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF WHATEVER STEP THEY MIGHT TAKE ON OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE NEGOTIATION, PARTICULARLY SYRIA.

H. WHEN IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES, THE TALKS WERE SUSPENDED.
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THE UNITED STATES WILL BE REVIEWING THE QUESTION OF WHAT APPROACH SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE MANY CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES ABOUT THE REASONS FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THIS PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE WILL AVOID AND WE ARE URGING OTHERS TO AVOID HASTY CONCLUSIONS, TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN FOR NEW APPROACHES, AND TO JUDGE U.S. POLICY BY OUR ACTIONS AS THE SITUATION EVOLVES.

I. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TO
SEEK FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. IT IS OUR FIRM
CONVICTION, THAT THE DOOR FOR FURTHER PROGRESS MUST BE
KEPT OPEN, AND IT IS OUR INTENTION TO DO SO AS WE CON-
SIDER WHAT NEW APPROACH MIGHT BEST SERVE THE CAUSE OF
PEACE IN THE AREA. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND
LASTING PEACE REMAINS THE OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE OF
AMERICAN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. KISSINGER

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